

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-71. (Cancelled)

72. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

disposing a defibrillation electrode tip on a distal end of a lead body, the lead body extending from a proximal end to the distal end and having an intermediate portion therebetween;

coupling at least one conductive tine with the intermediate portion of the lead body;
positioning the defibrillation electrode tip within an apex of a ventricle of a heart and positioning the at least one conductive tine is also within the ventricle;
coupling the lead body to a pulse generator; and
delivering defibrillation shocks from the pulse generator via the defibrillation electrode tip; and
pacing the heart with the at least one conductive tine.

73. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 72, further comprising pacing
sensing the heart with the at least one conductive tine.

74. (Currently Amended) ~~The method as recited in claim 72, further comprising~~ A method comprising:

disposing a defibrillation electrode tip on a distal end of a lead body, the lead body extending from a proximal end to the distal end and having an intermediate portion therebetween;

coupling at least one conductive tine with the intermediate portion of the lead body;
positioning the defibrillation electrode tip within an apex of a ventricle of a heart and
positioning the at least one conductive tine also within the ventricle;
coupling the lead body to a pulse generator;

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delivering defibrillation shocks from the pulse generator via the defibrillation electrode tip; and
sensing the heart with the at least one conductive tine.

75. (Currently Amended) ~~The method as recited in claim 72, further comprising~~ A method comprising:

disposing a defibrillation electrode tip on a distal end of a lead body, the lead body extending from a proximal end to the distal end and having an intermediate portion therebetween;

coupling at least one conductive tine with the intermediate portion of the lead body;
providing insulation between the defibrillation electrode tip and the at least one conductive tine;

positioning the defibrillation electrode tip within an apex of a ventricle of a heart and positioning the at least one conductive tine also within the ventricle;

coupling the lead body to a pulse generator; and
delivering defibrillation shocks from the pulse generator via the defibrillation electrode tip.

76. (Original) The method as recited in claim 72, further comprising disposing a conductive member on a distal tip of each conductive tine.

77. (Original) The method as recited in claim 72, further comprising coupling a conductive member to the at least one conductive tine.

78-82 (Cancelled)

83. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

providing a lead having a defibrillation electrode on a distal end of the lead and a conductive tine proximate the distal end of the lead;

positioning the defibrillation electrode at an apex of a ventricle of a heart such that the conductive tine is also within the ventricle;
coupling the lead body to a pulse generator; ~~and~~
delivering defibrillation shocks from the pulse generator via the defibrillation electrode;
and
pacing the heart with the conductive tine.

84. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 83, further comprising ~~pacing~~ sensing the heart with the conductive tine.

85. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 83, further comprising~~ A method comprising:
providing a lead having a defibrillation electrode on a distal end of the lead and a conductive tine proximate the distal end of the lead;
positioning the defibrillation electrode at an apex of a ventricle of a heart such that the conductive tine is also within the ventricle;
coupling the lead body to a pulse generator;
delivering defibrillation shocks from the pulse generator via the defibrillation electrode;
and
sensing the heart with the ~~at least one~~ conductive tine.

86. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 83, further comprising~~ A method comprising:
providing a lead having a defibrillation electrode on a distal end of the lead and a conductive tine proximate the distal end of the lead;
providing insulation between the defibrillation electrode tip and the ~~at least one~~ conductive tine;
positioning the defibrillation electrode at an apex of a ventricle of a heart such that the conductive tine is also within the ventricle;
coupling the lead body to a pulse generator; and

delivering defibrillation shocks from the pulse generator via the defibrillation electrode.

87. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~83~~ 85, further comprising disposing a conductive member on a distal tip of each conductive tine.

88. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended)~~A method comprising:~~ The method of claim 85, further comprising disposing

~~providing a lead having a lead body extending from a proximal end to a distal end and having an intermediate portion therebetween, at least one conductor disposed within the lead body and extending from a first end to a second end, the first end proximate to the proximal end of the lead body and the second end proximate to the distal end of the lead body, an electrode electrically coupled with the conductor, the electrode disposed at the second end of the conductor forming an electrode tip at the distal end of the lead body, a defibrillation coil disposed at the intermediate portion of the lead body, and at least one electrically conductive tine coupled with a portion of the lead body and positioned between the electrode and the defibrillation coil, wherein the at least one conductive tine is electrically insulated from the electrode;~~

~~positioning the lead within a heart, wherein the at least one electrically conductive tine is located proximate the electrode tip at the distal end of the lead body such that when the electrode is positioned at an apex of a ventricle the at least one electrically conductive tine is located within the ventricle; and~~

~~delivering defibrillation shocks to the heart via the defibrillation electrode.~~

89. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended)The method of claim ~~88~~ 85, wherein providing a lead includes the ~~at least one~~ conductive tine having a first end coupled with the lead body and a second end which extends away from the lead body.

90. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended)The method of claim ~~88~~ 85, wherein providing a lead includes the ~~at least one~~ conductive tine being partially covered with non-conductive material.

91. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~88~~ 85, wherein providing a lead includes coupling a conductive bead with the second end of the conductive tine.

92. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 91, wherein coupling a conductive bead includes welding the conductive bead to the conductive tine.

93. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~88~~ 75, further including sensing or pacing with the conductive tine.